Communal riots and group clashes

2552. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been unprecedented communal riots and group clashes between different communities during the last 3-4 months in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Karnataka;

(b) whether the riots are on the increase;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the increase; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the State Governments to meet the threat and also to help them check such incidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Taking into account the pattern of communal violence in the country in the recent past and with a view to foiling the mischievous designs of communal and divisive forces, the Government have revised its guidelines on promotion of communal harmony and for prevention of communal violence and circulated the same to the various State Governments/UTs on 23rd April, 1990. These guidelines lay particular stress on streamlining of administrative machinery, non-official participation check on anti-social forces, removal of irritants and promotion of measures for the rehabilitation of the riot victims.

The concerned State Governments have been able to control the communal situation and fortunately there has been no major incident of communal violence since then.

Statehood to Delhi

2553. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant Statehood to Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken by Government so far for devolution of powers to the State of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Constitution (Seventy-Second Amendment) Bill, 1990 has already been introduced in Lok Sabha on 31st May, 1990.

Review of combatisation scheme in ITBP

2554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1044 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the review of the combatisation scheme in Indo-Tibetan Border Police has since been completed; and

(b) if so, what was the mode of undertaking the review and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The normal procedure of examination in consultation with the officers of ITBP, is being followed and the matter is still under process.

Telecast of serial "Bible-ke-Kahaniyan"

2555. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the serial 'Bible-Ke-Kahaniyan' is likely to be telecast on Doordarshan;